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IRREGULARITIES IN PUBLICATION DIVISION OF N.G.M.A.
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `Prakashan Vibhag mein aniymittaon ke chalte karoddon rupaye ka nukshan` appearing in `Rashtriya Sahara` dated March 19, 2002;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;

(c) the value of material published by National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA) alongwith the losses suffered during each of the last three years; and

(d) the action taken against the erring officials for irregularities being committed in the Publication Department ?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. The news item published in Rashtriya Sahara on 19th March, 2002 has been examined and found that it was published without ascertaining the factual position from the Government i.e. National Gallery of Modern Art or Department of Culture. The allegations made therein are unfounded and baseless.

(c) The Actual expenditure incurred on Publications of National Gallery of Modern Art during the last three years is as under:-

YEAR	ACTUAL EXPENDITURE (Rs in lakhs)
1999-2000	4.41
2000-2001	6.72
2001-2002	Nil

(There is no loss on account of printing of publications such as catalogues, portfolios, greetings cards, picture post cards etc., since these publications are sold to public on no profit no loss basis).

(d) Does no arise.